

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action rejects claims 45, 54, 55, and 57 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over DISCENZO in view of BLEMEL. The Official Action specifically states, however, that all of the other claims in the application are allowed.

So as to place the present application into condition for allowance, applicants have canceled rejected independent claim 45. Applicants have also amended remaining rejected claims 54, 55, and 57 to depend from an allowable claim, thereby rendering these claims allowable as well.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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